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SUBJECT: MEXICAN REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

- 1. POPOFF MET WITH DR. JORGE MARTINEZ MANAUTOU (COORDINATOR, NATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM CPF) AND DR. SERGIO CORREU (DIRGEN, OFFICE OF MATERNAL-CHILD HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING, MOH SSA). DR. MARTINEZ REPEATED THE NEED FOR SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM AID, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, FOR EXPANSION OF FP SERVICES IN RURAL SECTORS. THREE AMOUNTS WERE DISCUSSED:
- A. US\$500,000 FOR NEW RURAL MODULES (DISCUSSED DURING MERRITT'S VISIT)
- B. US\$300,000 FOR DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS MODULES FOR REACHING RURAL POPULATION, THROUGH ASSISTANCE FROM ROGERS AT STANFORD
- C. U\$\$5,000,000 FOR EXPANSION OF RURAL MODULES IN NATIONWIDE FP SERVICE DELIVERY PROGRAM.

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- 2. US\$500,000 FOR RURAL MODULES: PROPOSALS ARE RECEIVING PRIORITY ATTENTION OF BOTH SSA AND CPF AND WILL BE READY WITHIN TIME FRAME DISCUSSED BY MERRITT. STEVE ISAACS TDY MEXICO WEEK JUNE 6 TO REVIEW BUDGET AND TIGHTEN UP FINANCIAL ASPECTS HEREBY REQUESTED.
- 3. CPF AND SSA WILL REQUEST US\$300,000 THIS YEAR FOR

CONTRACT WITH ROGERS AT STANFORD FOR DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF IEC PROGRAM FOR RURAL AREAS. PHA/POP REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ONE WEEK TDY ROGERS ASAP TO BEGIN INITIAL DISCUSSIONS.

- 4. THE FIVE MILLION REQUEST TIES INTO THE WORLD BANK LOAN. CPF AND SSA ARE UNHAPPY WITH FOCUS AND PRIORITIES LOAN DRAWN UP BY PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT. SPECIFICALLY, THEY BELIEVE IEC COMPONENT IRRATIONAL, AND THEY BEWAIL LACK CONTRACEPTIVE PROCUREMENT AND EXPANSION VSC EFFORTS. NEW FOCUS DRAFTED BY SSA AND SUBMITTED TO WORLD BANK. IF ACCEPTED, AND IF HIGH INTEREST RATE LOWERED, GOM LIKELY TO APPROVE. IF NOT, URGENCY OF FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES INCREASES. EVEN IF APPROVED, GOM FEELS ADDITIONAL FUNDS NEEDED TO EXPAND COVERAGE RURAL AREAS WITH FP SERVICES.
- 5. DURING BAIR/MACMANUS VISIT THIS ADDITIONAL FUNDING WILL BE PRIME SUBJECT DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. MARTINEZ MANAUTOU AND AT HIGHER LEVELS. CALDERHEAD

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